

28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm

In attendance: Mr A Ketteringham (AK) Chair, Mr R Leighton (RL) Vice-Chair, Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mrs J Lusher (JL), Mr J Pearson (JP), Mrs A Shepherd (AS), Mr A Thomas (AT), 7 members of the Public, the Clerk Jean Sangster. Mr F Eagle arrived later. The minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 had been circulated and were passed and signed as a correct record.

There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

## REPORT FROM DISTRICT /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This was given when FE arrived.

## OPEN TO PUBLIC

Again the result of Fire enquiry was raised and clerk explained she had written twice asking for this but had had no reply but will try again and contact MP.

Flytipping in Cress. Road opposite properties still to be reported.

## MEETING CONTINUED

Matters arising from last meeting

**Highways** – The Meeting with Highway's Engineer was carried out and a tour of the village resulted in confirmation that hedge and trees in Watton Road would be investigated further with the mapping department for confirmation of ownership. The work to TROD in Sw.Rd. has been carried out but all members felt that this was not satisfactory as soil was dumped in the ditch and has not been dug out as stated. Clerk to write back and include FE.

Also to ask NCC for the lowered kerb to be put on list for next year's budget.

The 'hump' in Watton Road will be dealt with when road resurfaced.

Matters to report – Potholes Hale Rd outside The Willows, Watton Rd entrance to Woodlands.

The pothole in pavement on Limes reported and will be dealt with

Following further inspection it is considered that the digging out of grups in Hale Road is not necessary.

Overgrown hedge in The Oaks will be reported as causing a hazard.

**Play Equipment** – Monthly Inspection was carried out. Work on roundabout surface completed and satisfactory. There are three posts on boundary broken, bolts on new swings loose again, AT will deal with nets on basketball hoops, JP & AH will deal with the matting under old swings, JLg will move seat and fix to ground.

**At this point FE gave his Report** – He advised that NCC Cabinet are meeting next week when disposal of land will be agreed.

**Playing Field** – Letter of thanks to Parish Council for helping set up Football Club. Request to be made to sender for this is made public.

**Football Club** – There was nothing to report.

**Police** – Reminder that next SNAP meeting is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 - venue to be confirmed.

**Speedwatch** – At this point the Meeting was OPENED to Mr Street who reported that numbers have been lower over last few months due to road-works and time change. He felt that people do not understand the limitations on what the team can do and where they are allowed to operate. Due to light restrictions sessions are being carried out in the mornings and the recent interaction with Police resulted in a motorbike being recorded at 48mph and this has been followed up with a visit from Police.

The Team is in need of more volunteers so if you are interested in joining please contact Mr Street

Email : [grahamstreet@streets-ahead.com](mailto:grahamstreet@streets-ahead.com)

He thanks all those who take the trouble to stop and talk and thank the team for their work.

The VAS in Hale Road has been repaired. Meeting CLOSED to public.

**Footpaths** – Complaint received from residents of Saham Hills regarding the state of Coburg Lane. As this is within the Parish boundary Councillors have inspected and found that it is in a satisfactory state and can be walked. This is a bridleway with vehicular access to owners of land on either side.

**Community Centre** – The Fete raised £1244=53 and recent Craft Fair raised £466-00.

This money is much needed as it has been found that parts of the heating system are illegal and in need of replacing.

**Ashill Estate** – Discussed later.

**Wayland Partnership** – Minutes of their last meeting had been circulated..

**Food Bus** – Still coming to Comm. Centre on Wed.

**Old Allotment Close** – This will be discussed further at next meeting when advice been sought.

**Gas Installation** – Work now completed in village and equipment removed from Millfield but Clerk to request that the site is cut and tidied and that it is not licenced again for storage.

The verge in Hale Road had been run over and markers destroyed but these have now been replaced but still no further news of main being replaced.

**Allotments** – 4 plots available. Posts required for numbering.

**Mindful Village Programme** – RL agreed to draw up list of organisation contacts to be invited to attend a meeting.

**Ashlink** – Clerk to report concerns to Editor.

**Tree Warden** – To be confirmed.

**Street Lights** – Clerk to report all outages and query the disappearance of lamp from post at entrance to Woodlands.

**Swaffham Rd.** – Overhanging branches to footway will be dealt with by working party.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

NorfolkALC and Healthwatch Norfolk - Newsletters circulated

Extra help and support is available for the over-50s in Norfolk this winter during the colder month. Age UK Norfolk will be able to provide grants of up to £50 for essentials like food and heating for those aged 50+.

This has been put in place thanks to funding from the Norfolk Household Support Fund.

Age UK Norfolk also has a limited number of Tesco food vouchers available for over-60s who may be struggling to make ends meet. Email contact : [advice@ageuknorfolk.org.uk](mailto:advice@ageuknorfolk.org.uk)

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Returned between meetings :-

3PL/2023/1048/HOU – 2 The Mere. Proposed first floor extension to front. Returned with No objections

3PL/2023/1014/HOU – 1 Pond Loke for garden room – approved

3PL/2023/0885/HOU – 6 Swaffham Rd for new rear extension - approved

3PL/2023/0785/F – The Old Hall Cressingham Rd for new replacement dwelling has been refused.

Hale Road development – update on footway and parking area – progressing.

Meeting with Breckland Planning Officers. Still to be arranged.

Local Plan consultation until 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### **FINANCE**

**PAID Direct Debit** - SWALEC payment for Power supply Oct. to be advised

The following accounts due for payment for NOVEMBER 2023 were passed for payment proposed by JL seconded by AB:-

K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Nov.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play field Warden Nov.)	Undisclosed
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Nov. + 16.hrs )	
Expenses Nov.	£104-88
NorfolkALC. Training for whole Council	£108-00
NorfolkAIC Travel Expenses for Trainer	£39-15

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Anglian Water Supply to Allots £37-10  
M P Dennis & Sons Hedge Cutting to be advised  
Invoice rec'd from Breckland Council for Election Expenses 2023 for total of £2045-19 which  
Councillors felt was extremely high so will be queried before payment authorised.

The following accounts due for payment for DECEMBER 2023 were passed for payment proposed  
by JL seconded by AB:-

<b>Direct Debit</b> - SWALEC payment for Power supply for Nov.	to be advised
K & M Lighting Services Maint St Lights Dec.	£150-03
Mrs J Pickard Play Field Warden Dec.)	
Jean Sangster Clerks Salary Dec .+ 15hrs) +backdated Increase	Undisclosed
Expenses Dec.	£102-99
HMRC PAYE Oct. Nov. Dec.	£870-20
Ashill Comm. Centre Hire Hall Oct./Nov.	£36-00

- B) Current A/C details and copy of bank statement circulated for verification.
- C) Clerk advised that the Investment with Redwood Bank has been reinvested in a 1 Year Bond.
- D) BUDGET – This is to be discussed further at January Meeting as Precept to be submitted by  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 so any amendments can be made then.

### THE MEETING WAS AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

There were no further questions.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Telephone Box Ch.St. – JLg will check just what work is required.  
Residents concerns regarding poor mobile signal is being investigated.  
Outstanding work to bus shelter at Fairholme will be carried out by JLg.  
The School has requested permission for Comm Centre be included in their Emergency Plan and  
this will be passed to Committee.  
Problem with Dog Poo o/s School to be reported to Dog Warden.  
Reported that Parish Council team came 4<sup>th</sup> in Church quiz.  
The matter of parking on the verge in Dunnetts Close had been requested to be discussed but  
nothing was resolved.  
Clerk to report that the refuse lorry is driving over the edge of Green leaving large ruts.  
Maintenance person – this is to be discussed further for next Budget.

### EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

The following resolution was passed:-  
“That under Section 100(A) (4) of Local Government Act 1972, the Press & Public be  
excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on Grounds that it includes  
the likely disclosure of confidential information  
To Discuss Allotment Site & Clerk’s Salary.

Date of next monthly Meeting is TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 AT 7.00PM IN COMMUNITY  
CENTRE.

This Meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

